

THIS WON'T GO AWAY
FAMILY SERIES — CONT'D
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DEFINITIONS:

Conservation

a careful preservation and protection of something during transformations or reactions

Camaraderie

a spirit of friendly good-fellowship

Breach

1 : infraction or violation of a law, obligation, or standard

3 a : a [break](#) in accustomed friendly relations **b** : a temporary gap in continuity : [HIATUS](#)

Continuity

uninterrupted connection, succession, or union; uninterrupted duration or [continuation](#) especially without essential change

During Tamar's most vulnerable moment in time—her season of transformation—Judah refused to *CONSERVE* and protect both Tamar and the family name. By dishonoring his promise to Tamar, he *BREACHED* the *CAMARADERIE* of the family structure. His dishonesty revoked the *CONTINUITY* of blessings that would have remained upon his household, had he and his sons not dealt so treacherously with Tamar.

SCRIPTURE
GENESIS 38:23-30

²³And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her.

- Judah attempted to sweep his sins under the rug in order to portray a façade of holiness that he was unable to properly maintain.

²⁴And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.

- Again, when presented with the opportunity to do the right thing, Judah's self-righteousness keeps him from considering his own shortcomings when announcing judgment upon Tamar. He saw this as an opportunity to get rid of Tamar once and for all.

²⁵When she was brought forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff.

- Tamar knew that Judah could not be trusted. Therefore, she'd taken his identity as a means to secure her future. Her desperation caused her to fight back to preserve her seed.

²⁶And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more.

- It isn't until Judah is exposed that he repents of his trespasses against Tamar.

²⁷And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were in her womb.

- Your labor is not in vain.

²⁸And it came to pass, when she travailed, that the one put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first.

²⁹And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: therefore his name was called Pharez.

- You might be shocked at the order of your next blessings.

³⁰And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zarah.

- Your blessings are fighting within you to see which one will come forth first.

Pharez

breakthrough; breach; bursting forth

Zarah

East; brightness